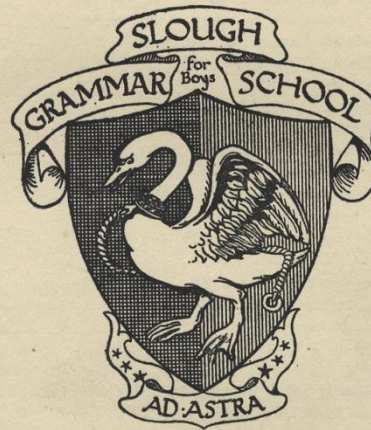


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EDITORIAL

Another year of school, another year of war. It is sometimes hard to grasp, in spite of the constant pressure of newspapers and the wireless, that war and school are going on together in the same world—the one so monstrous, the other so uneventful and, by comparison, so trivial. But to turn from the day's strident headlines to an unassuming chronicle such as this may help us to see things in their true relations.

Civilisation now, as formerly, is still a conflict between 'the boast of heraldry, the pomp of power' and 'the short and simple annals of the poor.' At present it is 'the pomp of power' which seems to be having everything its own way : all the more important, therefore, to remember that what really matters is common, everyday life. Otherwise it would be wasteful to go on publishing a magazine such as this in war time—a record of scholarship without political interference, of sport without militarism. Such are our 'simple annals.' They remind us that the issue of the war is no less than the future of all free institutions—schools as well as parliaments and trade unions. The holding of speech days and house matches in war time is a sign that to-morrow belongs to us and not to the storm troopers.

SCHOOL NOTES

The number on the roll this term is 431. In September it is probable that this number will be increased to 500.

Changes on the staff have been more numerous than usual, and further changes are expected before the beginning of the Autumn Term. Mr. Roger Wilson was called up for Military Service in October, 1940. He has been replaced by Mr. A. W. Leftwich, B.Sc. Mr. Legrand, in the same month, joined the R.A.F. and has been replaced by Mr. D. Luck who, from 1927—36, had been visiting P.T. instructor at the old Secondary School. Mr. Evans joined the R.A.F. in January, 1941, and his place has been filled by Mr. F. W. Paisley, formerly teacher of Handicraft at West Ham Grammar School. Mr. L. F. Wignall, B.Sc., joined the staff as an additional master in September, 1940.

Mr. H. C. Barnes is leaving at the end of the Summer Term to become Headmaster of Ramsey Abbey (Hunts.) Grammar School, after 11 years' service at this school. We heartily congratulate Mr. Barnes on his promotion and wish him every success.

Mr. Walter C. Wilson, who was appointed to the staff in 1916, is retiring at the end of the term. Mr. Wilson has given devoted and conscientious service throughout this long period and his loss from regular teaching will be greatly felt. Many generations of boys, as well as the staff, will wish Mr. Wilson many years of happy retirement.

Presentations are being made to Mr. Barnes and Mr. Wilson as a mark of the esteem and affection in which they are held.

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The war has taken quite a heavy toll among Old Boys of the school. A record of casualties, as well as awards, will be found elsewhere in these pages.

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Boys still at school do a great deal to aid the war effort. A considerable number undertake farm work both during term and throughout the summer holiday. Many have joined one or other of the following organisations :—County Youth Squads, Home Guard, Air Cadet Corps, A.R.P., and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Bed reading-tables and sets of splints have been made in the school workshop and sent to the British Red Cross Society.

During War Weapons Week no less than £1,677 4s. 2d. was subscribed by members of the school National Savings Group. Including this sum, the amount subscribed since September last is £3,228 18s. 6d.

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The 1940 examination results were again of a high standard. All five H.S.C. candidates passed, and 46 out of 48 School Certificate candidates were successful. Of the latter 25 obtained Matriculation exemption.

All the holidays during the past year have been much curtailed, particularly the summer holiday of 1940. This year the school will close on 31st July and not re-open until Tuesday, 9th September. Both staff and boys will appreciate, and benefit by, this.

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Thanks are due to all those who have sent in contributions. Several of them have been rejected with great reluctance, purely owing to shortage of space.

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The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 'The Tetburian' and 'The Martlet,' and apologises for any inadvertent omissions.

LIBRARY NOTES

This year there has been a notable increase in the use of the library, issues rising from about 12 a day to 40 or 50. Generous gifts have also been received, both in books and in subscriptions. Great credit for this "drive" on behalf of the library is due to the assistants, especially S. W. Jones, who left at Easter but continues with unabated zeal to give welcome help. The other members of the library staff, Crannigan, Helps, Springford, Williams, and Fagg, are also very generous of their time and energy.

In September two new features will be instituted. One is the borrowing of books with a membership ticket, like those used by the local branch of the County Library. Each boy may have two tickets, one for fiction and one for non-fiction.

The other new institution is the card-index catalogue, which provides a classified record, for consultation by anyone, of all books in the library. The preparation of this is a very long task, not yet completed, but its usefulness for those sections which are complete will be very great.

A system of alphabetical classification has been adopted, modified from the system of Dr. H. E. Bliss, Associate-Librarian of the College of the City of New York. The classes of books are as follows : A, Generalia (encyclopaedic works, etc.) ; B, Religion, Philosophy ; C, History ; D, Political and Social Sciences ; E, Economics ; F, Geography, Meteorology, Geology ; G, Natural History ; H, Biology ; I, Botany ; J, Zoology ; K, Mathematics ; L, General Science ; M, Astronomy ; N, Physics ; O, Chemistry ; P, Industrial and Useful Arts ; Q, Recreational Arts ; R, Fine Arts ; S, Philology, Greek ; T, Latin ; U, French ; V, Spanish, other Romance Languages ; W, German, other Germanic Languages ; X, English ; Y, Other Languages.

Each section has sub-divisions : thus, GA stands for general works on Natural History, GB for Animal Life, GC for Bird

Life, etc. Sometimes three letters are used in sub-dividing the classes : thus, in the class X, books on Shakespeare are in the division XF, and critical studies of Shakespeare's plays are to be found in the section XFC.

These are merely examples. Complete detailed schedules will be prepared for the use of all borrowers. Everyone who uses books must learn to find his way about a library, and we aim to model our own according to the most modern library science.

W.G.H.

CADET CORPS

During the past year, the Cadet Corps has made many advances, especially in training and efficiency, and has been affiliated to the 9th Bucks Battalion, Home Guard.

A review of the year's programme includes the Annual Camp, two field-days and two inspections. The Annual Camp which marked the end of the school year was held in the Kimble area and much of the success of the camp was due to the work of Mr. Evans and Mr. Legrand. An informal inspection by Colonel Pickering was held in the Vacation Term, which provided an opportunity for some field training. As a result of the inspection, the Corps benefited by the help of regular Army Instructors from the Brigade of Guards and later the R.A.S.C. The regular annual inspection was held in October, the inspecting officer being Colonel R. F. Pearson, T.D. The report was satisfactory.

The Field Day at Stoke Common on June 11th was an outstanding feat in view of a long march with two schemes. On the whole, it was successful : march discipline was first-class and the rearguard scheme included the rout of a full platoon by a section of five.

In one other respect this has been an outstanding year in the history of the Cadet Corps. "Certificate A" has now become a regular feature. Out of thirteen candidates, ten passed : namely, Sgt. Barten, Cpl. Fletcher, Sgt. Brant, Cdt. Wickham, Cpl. Cummins, L/Cpl. Ness, Cpl. Robinson, Cpl. Woodford, Cdt. Mann and Cpl. Gibbons.

The administration has been carried on by the N.C.O.s with the help of Mr. Wignall, who has now been commissioned in the rank of Cadet Lieutenant.

C/Capt. Legrand entered the R.A.F. in October. During his time with the Corps he has worked hard to maintain its standard and has further increased its efficiency by classes for N.C.O.s and potential N.C.O.s. We wish him a speedy and

a safe return. Throughout the last year the Company has sent representatives to the funerals of Sub.-Lt. Blake, Sgt.-Pilot Hammerton and Sgt.-Gunner Blake, former Cadets who have been killed on active service.

The Annual Camp will be held near Dropmore during the last week of term. Nearly sixty cadets are expected to attend, so the camp promises to be a great success.

GARDENING

The efforts of last year are being continued. Fewer boys are tending the once waste ground on the south side of the Gym., but the unbounded enthusiasm of these boys has produced a level, nearly weed-free piece of land bearing a promising crop of potatoes and cabbages.

The produce grown last year was sold to Mr. Charman for School use, and the profits were equally distributed among the gardens for investment in the Savings Movement.

H.C.B.

MY GARDEN

I have a little garden fair,
Quite beautiful to see :
Although the flowers are not rare,
They mean a lot to me.

When March wind blows and skies are grey,
The tulips start to flower,
And hyacinths do push their way
Through the brown earth of my bower.

In April the primrose dims its bloom,
And daffodils as well
Begin to wave their yellow plume
As if to say farewell.

At night when skies are cold and dark,
My flowers close their petals,
They wake with the singing of the lark,
Like many-coloured metals.

M. F. KNIGHT.

A JOURNEY I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE

I would like to go on a fishing trip in a punt for two or three weeks, to have a real holiday just floating and fishing, lazing and sleeping. The first thing I would do would be to hire a punt and get all the food needed : I would have a chum, one who liked fishing like me : my brothers would be the people I would like to come. Each year they go without me and come home with tales of the ones that they caught.

Each night would see us, swinging on the weights, with mosquitoes clustering round the electric light like wasps round a jam-pot. Hand lines taut in the water and rats swimming along by the bank, suddenly the line would grow tight and for a few minutes there would be excitement, tense, thrilling : the shouts and splashes breaking through the night like the opening of a sluice gate. Then all would be still again—the fish would be thrown back—and the only sound would be the slapping of the end of the punt on the water, and the humming of those eternal mosquitoes.

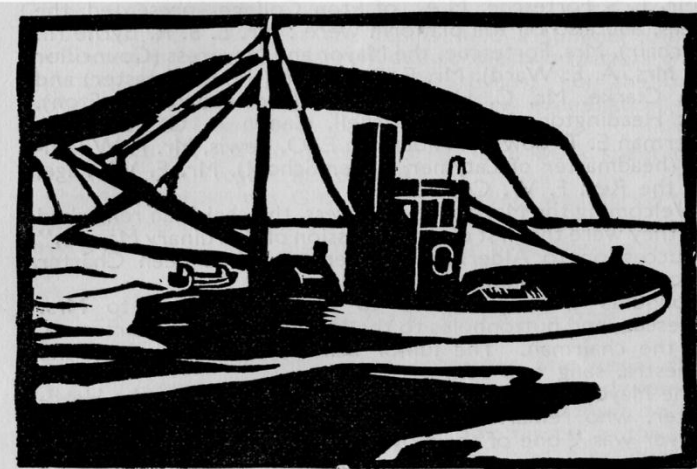
At two o'clock in the morning we would just think about bed and we would cook a supper of eggs, bacon, and anything else that we fancied. Blankets would be unrolled and then the night would again be broken by the sound of snoring. The rats would come nearer and the mosquitoes would go away, for they are creatures of light. The rats would quickly splash away as one of us turns over but they would come again when the boat was again still.

Eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock and one of us would awaken ; with much grumbling and pushing he would awaken the others, and then I—as the youngest—would be sent to the nearest town for bread and eggs. Breakfast—or dinner—would be cooked on the faithful old paraffin fire and I, again, would wash the dishes by dipping them in the water and rubbing them with a rag. Perhaps a swim would be next on the programme and in we would go, splashing and indulging in ducking and pushing.

One would imagine that my brothers would be the ones who would be taking the trip but it is by far the best to be the youngest, indeed more fun is gained by having one's leg pulled, because one sees the others are happy and—like Giant Despair in "Pilgrim's Progress"—one must be happy too. Each day would be the same as the other except for some funny misfortunes, such as falling in the river with the others splitting their sides in the boat, and then would come the reward, for they would often end up in the river too, as a result of pushing and rocking the boat. Then we would all be laughing good-humouredly : and so would pass the day.

Going through Locks would be the other main item, the passing of cheery talk between the lock man and us and then we would be off again—towards another lock. Oh ! when will this war finish and make all this be a reality instead of a dream ?

R. BOSHER.



Splash Point

C. E. Cox

THE LAST TRAM

Darkness has fallen long ago. The night air is still, nevertheless it is cold. There is no moon, but myriads of stars make a light haze in the black sky. The tramrails shine dully.

Somewhere along their path a tram is coming : not an ordinary tram, but the last one.

It must be near now. Here it comes. The noise of its approach shatters the stillness. Its lights are visible, streaming out into the night, as it rounds the bend. The driver swings his arms, for, although he is well-muffled, nothing can keep out the cold. With a grinding of brakes it jolts to a stop. A solitary passenger descends. For a minute the silence comes back. Somewhere a clock strikes midnight, and as the sound of the last stroke dies away, the tram starts again with a jerk. Soon the lights disappear, and noise is lost, and the night is still again.

C. SANDHAGEN.

SPEECH DAY, 1940

Speech Day last year was held on December 17th. The following account is reproduced from the 'Slough Observer,' by kind permission of the Editor :—

Mr. L. S. Fortescue, M.A., of Eton College, presented the prizes, and also on the platform were Mr. L. S. R. Byrne (in the chair), Mrs. Fortescue, the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. A. E. Ward), Mr. E. R. Clarke (the headmaster) and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. C. H. K. Marten (Vice-Provost of Eton), Miss Headington, Mrs. H. Purnell, Canon A. G. P. Baines, Alderman E. T. Bowyer, Alderman E. O. Lewis, Mr. F. Wilkinson (headmaster of Latymer Upper School), Mr. E. W. Page, and the Rev. F. W. Cogman.

Welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress, the chairman remarked that they were the first of the succession of "ordinary Mayors," in succession to Alderman Bowyer, who had been Charter Mayor when the Mayoralty began.

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Ward and to Mrs. Fortescue, and buttonholes to the Mayor and to Mr. Fortescue, and the chairman. The Junior School, accompanied by the orchestra, sang two songs.

The Mayor and Mayoress were also welcomed by the Headmaster, who remarked that they had always felt Alderman Bowyer was "one of their own," but he hoped nevertheless to see a succession of Mayors on future Speech Days. He remarked how glad he was to see Mr. Fortescue there, and he hoped the privilege of having someone from Eton College to attend Speech Day would continue.

In his report, Mr. Clarke said that, thank God, they had been very little affected by the war so far.

The number of pupils continued to increase. It was now 471, and next September he expected it to be nearly 500. Unfortunately the building did not expand, and it was not easy to cope with the ever increasing number of boys who seek admission. The library, office, and even the stage had to be pressed into service for groups of sixth form boys.

In spite of the difficulties, examination results have been exceptionally good. A record number of five candidates took the Higher School Certificate examination and all passed—and this year 11 boys were preparing for the examination. For the School Certificate 48 candidates were presented and no less than 46 passed, 25 qualifying for exemption from London Matriculation. The general standard of attainment was high, the average number of credits gained by all the candidates being 5.5.

At games they did very well in most branches. The football team had developed extremely well and this year have had a most successful season, and the cricket team was one of the best they have ever had. It was most ably captained by Anderson, and went through the season without defeat.

All the usual out-of-school activities continued. The Cadet Corps was numerically stronger than ever, and although conditions were different the cadets held a summer camp, the success of which was largely due to the two masters who organised it—Capt. Legrand and Mr. Evans. For the first time two N.C.O.s took the War Office examination for Certificate "A" and both passed.

Boys who did not go to camp or to farm work spent the greater part of August at school!

The National Savings Group had done very well during the year, deposits amounting to no less than £1,161. (Applause.) Several groups of boys also made regular collections of waste paper.

A dozen sets of splints had been sent to the British Red Cross Society, and at the Society's request are now making reading tables for disabled men.

Staff changes have been more numerous than usual this year. Mr. Legrand and Mr. Roger Wilson had already joined the Forces, and he feared that Mr. Evans would have to go before long. Mr. Luck, a former part-time master at the old Secondary School, replaced Mr. Legrand, and Mr. Wignall joined the staff as an additional master last September. Mr. Wilson had not yet been replaced.

"Of the Old Boys," Mr. Clarke continued "one can but speak with pride and gratitude. In their dozens they offered their services to their country when danger threatened, and now they are fulfilling their tasks on the sea, on land, and in the air. Some we know performed heroic deeds at Dunkirk, and others we know formed part of that gallant band of young fellows to whom 'so many owe so much' in the air battle for Britain.

"Some have gained honours, notably Sub-Lieut. Dick Cork, Fleet Air Arm, who has been awarded both the D.S.C. and the D.F.C. for skill and courage in the air fights over London, and Sub-Lieut. Stephen Griffith, Fleet Air Arm, who was mentioned in dispatches for courage and initiative during hazardous operations off the coast of Norway. William Holbrow is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was last seen by his friends assisting wounded men to the boats at Dunkirk. Some have made the supreme sacrifice including Sgt.-Pilot Gilbert Scott, R.A.F., who was lost during reconnaissance over the North Sea, and Sub-Lieut. Arthur Blake, Fleet Air

Arm, and Sergt.-Pilot Jack Hammerton, R.A.F., both of whom were killed in actions over London. I fear the list is not complete."

The headmaster concluded with an expression of his sincere thanks to the members of his staff, and to the Governors.

On behalf of the Governors, the Chairman remarked that the debt of gratitude lay on their side, for the vigilance and care with which the headmaster conducted the school's interests. Introducing Mr. Fortescue, he said he knew he was a man of many attainments. He understood that he had run a mule train in the Near East during the last war, necessitating an extensive knowledge of Arabic, and at the time of the occupation of Iceland the House of Assembly, recognising him among the envoys sent abroad, had sat back, their faces wreathed in smiles, saying "Oh, it's only Fortescue."

Mr. Fortescue then presented the prizes. Among the prize-winners was a Czecho-Slovakian boy named Mraz, who although he had only come to the school a year ago, with a very slight knowledge of English, had taken second place for the school in the School Certificate Examination.

Congratulating the school on the number of prize-winners, and especially on the results of the School Certificate Examination, Mr. Fortescue stressed the value of the two years of study after the School Certificate Examination had been taken, and said that although he knew most of the Grammar School boys left at 16, he found at Eton, that boys who did not stay on after that age, lost a lot they might gain. Those two years made a tremendous difference in the development of character and a sense of citizenship, and he felt it was a major criticism of our form of government that youth was not taken more into account.

In Germany, Hitler was the leader of the youth movement, and although he would not like to see our youth trained on those lines, preparation for citizenship was necessary if world conflagrations were to be avoided. The brutishness of Nazi youth would be one of our major problems when the war was over.

Mr. Fortescue went on to speak interestingly of the British occupation of Iceland last May, in which he himself participated.

Alderman Bowyer congratulated the school on having saved more than £1,000 in a year, and proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Fortescue, he said how much they appreciated having members of Eton College on the School Board. He also thanked the chairman.

The vote of thanks was seconded in humorous vein by the Vice-Provost of Eton, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Byrne.

The list of certificate and prize-winners was as follows ;
FORM PRIZES

FORM I.—Prize, D. T. G. Morgan ; Certificates, M. Crowther, E. J. Hill.

FORM IIc.—Prize, A. H. Jones ; Certificates, E. W. Sims, D. M. B. Evans.

FORM IIb.—Prize, D. E. Robinson ; Certificates, B. Severn, D. H. Burges.

FORM IIa.—Prize, M. J. Waghorn ; Certificates, U. H. G. Klemperer, P. R. Marler.

FORM IIc.—Prize, D. H. Kerridge ; Certificates, J. J. Sexton, A. F. Layzell.

FORM IIb.—Prize, H. J. Tabraham ; Certificates A. Walker, R. A. Jeffs.

FORM IIIa.—Prize, D. J. Dewar ; Certificates, L. Reid, W. Warr.

FORM IVb.—Prize, R. E. Gibbons ; Certificates, D. W. Egelstaff, D. D. Michie.

FORM IVa.—Prize, W. J. Omer ; Certificates, J. E. Stock, S. T. Wood. SHELL.—Prize, K. J. Bryant ; Certificates, H. H. Webb, K. J. Hills.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND MATRICULATION PRIZES.

—H. J. Groves, G. Mraz, L. A. Watson.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—A. G. Bailey, J. A. Bew, P. J. Bezer, D. L. Cossey, P. B. Costiff, J. H. Egelstaff, P. G. E. Gardner, F. G. Helps, P. G. Hodsdon, R. J. Hussey, E. J. Jenner, I. R. Llewellyn, J. M. Mabbott, H. A. Marshall, G. T. Moore, J. R. Morgan, R. J. Piercey, J. E. Simkin, K. J. Trimming, N. H. Tucker, J. J. Warren, A. J. Witney.
E. H. Batten, A. T. V. Buckingham, D. Buckland, D. Cooper, P. A. Dredge, G. E. Field, S. J. Gomm, G. D. Goodsall, J. W. F. Hamblen, D. C. Hemingway, S. Jones, L. M. Knibbs, L. R. Lacey, G. L. Milne, R. F. Munday, J. Nelson, J. B. G. Parker, D. O. Parry-Davies, I. L. Scott, A. D. Simpson, L. C. Smith, B. W. H. Wickham.

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES.—J. L. Anderson, prize presented by Alderman E. T. Bowyer ; W. H. Dyer, prize presented by Mr. H. F. Allen ; D. J. Neale, R. V. Pardy, R. D. Rookes.

SPECIAL PRIZES

(Names of donors in parentheses)

SCRIPTURE (Mrs. E. R. Clarke) : A. G. Bailey.
JUNIOR HISTORY (Mr. W. A. Jones) : P. B. May.
SENIOR HISTORY (Vice-Provost of Eton) : L. A. Watson.
JUNIOR GEOGRAPHY (Mr. A. D. Murray) : J. F. Chapman.
SENIOR GEOGRAPHY (The Headmaster) : R. D. Rookes.
JUNIOR MATHS. (Mr. E. P. C. Smith) : U. H. G. Klemperer.
INTER. MATHS. (Mr. H. Mairs) : D. J. Dewar.
SENIOR MATHS (Mr. H. F. Allen) : H. J. Groves.
JUNIOR ENGLISH (Mr. W. G. Hargest) : K. Hodges.
SENIOR ENGLISH (Mr. J. M. Reeves) : H. J. Groves.
JUNIOR FRENCH (Mr. V. H. Taylor) : L. Reid, W. Warr.
SENIOR FRENCH (Mr. J. Collin) : J. J. Warren.
BIOLOGY (Mr. T. Anderson) : J. L. Anderson.
CHEMISTRY (Mr. H. G. Barnes) : D. J. Neale.
PHYSICS (Mr. B. Llewellyn) : B. W. H. Wickham.
LATIN (Mr. W. Hampshire) : J. J. Warren.
MUSIC (Mr. L. W. Piner) : J. M. Mabbott.
ART (Mr. W. Wilson) : P. A. Dredge.
WOODWORK (Mr. T. C. R. Evans) : W. J. Omer.

GYM. & GAMES (Mr. E. A. Legrand) : W. H. Dyer.
 SENIOR PREFECT (Mr. B. Llewellyn) : J. L. Anderson.
 CHESS (Mr. W. A. Jones) : J. A. C. Burnand and A. Bond.
 LAB. MONITORS : H. J. Groves, R. J. Hussey, P. Linwood, J. M. Mabbott.
 LIBRARY MONITORS : S. W. Jones, R. L. Helps, G. P. T. Crannigan,
 R. F. Wilson.

OUR GARDEN

Our garden was a picture fair
 With fruit and flowers everywhere,
 Lawns and roses all so neat,
 Lilacs, lilies very sweet.
 But now we dig for victory :
 The cabbage and the garden pea,
 Curly kale and carrots raw,
 All will help to win the war.

L. DARKES

CAUSERIES FRANCAISES

Le trimestre dernier quelques Français faisaient visite à notre école et nous parlaient de leur patrie et de ses habitants, et d'autres sujets.

Le premier visiteur était le Professeur Métadier de l'Université de Poitiers, qui nous décrivait Paris et quelques villes du Midi. Tous ses auditeurs étaient très intéressés à l'histoire de son voyage en avion à travers la France, l'Espagne et le Maroc, qui lui avait donné plusieurs moments d'inquiétude et de frayeur. Il nous dit qu'un jour, quand il traversait la mer, il entendit un bruit bizarre dans la machine. Après avoir débarqué, il découvrit à son horreur que l'hélice était dévissée, et quand il la souleva elle tomba en deux !

Mlle. Chamot nous parlait du Midi et elle illustrait sa causerie par des verres de l'architecture et de l'art. Nous nous intéressions tous aux descriptions qu'elle nous donnait des amphithéâtres et des autres bâtiments romains, dont il y a beaucoup en Provence, qui était une fois une partie de l'empire.

Le Professeur Desseignet comparait les systèmes d'éducation en France et en Angleterre, et dans sa conversation il répondit à une question qui venait souvent à l'esprit. 'Pourquoi les Français n'aiment-ils pas les sports ?' 'Parce qu'à l'école, si un élève est blessé dans un match, le pro-

fesseur de service doit payer le compte du docteur ! Ainsi on ne joue pas à l'école, parce que les professeurs ne veulent pas gaspiller leur argent !'

Puis nous étions visités par un soldat des Forces Françaises Libres, le capitaine Roy, qui nous donna des nouvelles encourageantes de la résistance contre les Allemands en France occupée, où la plupart des habitants sont amis de l'Angleterre.

Le peuple allemand était le sujet de la conférence du Professeur Boillot. Il nous dit que tous les Allemands sont des gens barbares et impitoyables, qui veulent être maîtres du monde. Ils pensent que la bonté est un signe de la faiblesse et ils méprisent l'honneur et la chevalerie.

M. M.Thierry, auteur, nous parlait de l'esprit des Français et racontait plusieurs histoires amusantes. M.Talleyrand, qui boitait, rencontra un jour une duchesse louchante. Quand elle s'écria, 'Oh, M.Talleyrand, comme vous marchez !' il répondit, 'Comme vous voyez, madame.' Cette exemple montre que la réponse spontanée et piquante est typique de l'humeur français.

Notre dernier orateur était M. Bingen, des Forces Françaises Libres, qui nous donna des renseignements de la Bataille de l'Atlantique. Il dit qu'un quart des navires marchands français aide notre patrie dans la guerre. Il expliqua aussi les raisons pour quelques actions américaines.

Toutes les lectures étaient très intéressantes et instructives, et nous en avons beaucoup joui.

J. J. WARREN.



Grouse-Shooting.

G. L. Milne

BACK-ALLEY CRICKET

As I turned the corner of a street in the East End of London a tennis ball whistled past my head. It had come from the direction of some ragged youngsters, who had not seen water for a week. One of these youngsters held a bat made from a margarine box : the pitch was the road and the wicket a lamp-post.

A little urchin raced past me, found the ball and threw it back with all his might. His aim was not true, and the ball shattered a pane of glass in a house further down the street. I blinked, and there was not one urchin to be seen.

Slowly the urchins appeared again, after the danger had passed, and began to play against the next lamp-post at the end of the street. "I'm Verity, the slow spin bowler," said one boy, as he bowled the ball, which bounced about ten times. The batsman, who waited with bat upraised, suddenly swung it down and hit the ball a mighty swipe, and for the second time that day a window was broken. Then a burly figure in blue appeared, and one word was spoken in chorus ; "Copper," they all said. The disappearing act was performed again and the game postponed indefinitely.

G. BUTLER.

"MORNING'S AT SEVEN"

It is early, and the chilliness of the early morning has not yet been penetrated by the weak rays of the rising sun.

Few people are about. The shops are shuttered and the streets almost deserted. A tired-eyed policeman paces on his beat with one eye on the town hall clock, and a postman, still only half-awake, blinks at his letters in the uncertain light. A man, wearing a black felt hat and carrying a brief-case and an umbrella, comes sprinting round a corner, narrowly misses the milkman's van, and disappears in the direction of the station.

A newspaper boy and a roadsweeper appear, and go about their business in a drowsy fashion. An old tramp, roused from his slumbers on a doorstep by the policeman, trudges down the street muttering maledictions on the constabulary. A few more workers appear, some cycling, some walking, and some running. Pyjama-clad arms appear from behind half-opened doors and take in the milk. A few buses and cars begin to run. More people arrive, and the noise increases. The policeman's relief appears, and after exchanging pleasantries the tired-eyed officer departs joyfully to his breakfast amid the ever-increasing bustle of the wakened town.

G. DEEKS.

AUTUMN

Misty morns and dewy eves,
Chilly winds that scatter leaves !
Trees with berries of bright hue
Round the fields all wet with dew.

Scurrying clouds low in the sky,
Migrating birds are winging by,
Best of all at the end of day
The flickering firelight to watch at play.

DEREK LARTER.



Village Street

R. A. Parrett

THE AMAZON

The plants here grow high in their quest for light. Beautifully plumaged birds fly high amidst the trees, though not one note of song is to be heard. Where the light penetrates the mass of interlaced branches and vines, giant butterflies are seen flitting from multi-coloured orchids to those of more sombre yet no less beautiful colours. Yet the floor is damp and in a constant state of decay. Should a pair of shoes be left on the ground while the owner sleeps, by morning they will be a mass of fungus.

The people—these are very few—are mostly wandering tribes who live on the outskirts of the forest earning their scanty livelihood by tilling the land as best they can. But as soon as they move to a new habitation, the forest creeps relentlessly back again and nothing of their old occupation is to be seen except for implements left behind, and even these are soon covered over by the fungus which is everywhere.

G. BARNETT.

DESERT CONVOY

It was dawn in the Libyan desert. It had been quiet for some days now, but an attack was expected. Nevertheless, all seemed peaceful.

Suddenly the sun burst above the horizon in a blaze of glory. In the nearby oasis a donkey bared its teeth and saluted the day. A bugle blew from beside an officer's tent, and instantly all was bustle.

From the field kitchen the appetising smell of bacon and tinned beans arose on the still air. The men were trooping in, each with a tin plate held out.

"Well," said one cheery Tommy, "let's hope 'Narsty' won't disappoint us to-day."

He did not. A few minutes afterwards a drone was heard in the distance. Whistles blew and tin hats were donned. A vicious-looking pom-pom gun was swung upwards. The drone became louder and deeper. It was an attack.

The pom-pom roared. Again and again it crashed and thundered, each of its eight barrels alternately flashing and booming. A Lewis gun joined in, and then another. Br-r-r-r-rat, they rattled. Up in the sky one of the raiders blew up with a terrific explosion. Another flared like a huge rocket, and plunged flaming into the sand dunes. Still the raiders came, while the anti-aircraft guns flashed and thundered. A spout of flame suddenly enveloped a Lewis gun and its crew. One of the bombs had found its mark.

That was the last bomb dropped. With seven of their number down, the raiders fled in disorder and confusion. The convoy was safe! Peace reigned again. L. W. TYERS.



The Stag

L. A. J. Thurlow

THE STORM

"Haul down the sails!" the Captain cried,
 "I fear a sudden storm.
 My mate, run round the gallant ship
 And every man inform!"

Then suddenly a wind arose
 And lashed the foam-flecked sea:
 The Captain and the sailors bold
 Were shelt'ring in the lee.

Mighty waves dashed o'er the ship,
 They cut across her bow,
 They overthrew the mizzen-mast
 And drenched her stern and prow.

At five o'clock on the next morning
 The drunken sea abated:
 The wind was hushed, the billows gone,
 Their angry passions sated.

Then later, when the sun was high
 And well becalmed the sea,
 The battered ship put into port
 With all her company.

M. WAGHORN.

SPORTS 1941

RESULTS

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP :

1	Hampden	114 points.
2	Gray	59
3	{ Herschel	38
	{ Milton	38

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP :

P. Ford (Ha), 22 points.
 Runner-up : J. A. Bew (Ha), 15.

HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS GAINED FOR HOUSE :

Class II : J. H. Armstrong (Ha), 12.
 Class III : K. Fletcher (Gr), 14.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Class I

100 YARDS.—I, J. A. Bew (Ha) ; 2, P. Ford (Ha) ; 3, S. J. Sage (Ha) ; 4, J. H. Williams (Mi). Time, 12 sec.
 220 YARDS.—I, J. A. Bew (Ha) ; 2, P. Ford (Ha) ; 3, H. B. Murgatroyd (Ha) ; 4, E. W. Hamblet (Gr). Time, 27 1-5 sec.
 HIGH JUMP.—I, J. A. Bew (Ha) ; 2, I. L. Scott (Gr) ; 3, R. Vinall (Ha). Height, 5 ft. 1 in.
 LONG JUMP.—I, P. Ford (Ha) ; 2, J. A. Bew (Ha) ; 3, J. E. Stock (Gr) ; 4, H. H. Webb (He). Distance, 18 ft. 5 in.
 PUTTING THE SHOT.—I, P. Ford (Ha) ; 2, D. A. Brant (He) ; 3, J. E. Vollman (Mi) ; 4, E. S. Beaven (Gr). Distance, 45 ft. 2 in.
 CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.—I, J. E. Stock (Gr) ; 2, D. H. Kerridge (Mi) ; 3, E. W. Hamblet (Gr) ; 4, H. B. Murgatroyd (Ha).
 RELAY RACE.—I, Hampden (J. A. Bew, P. Ford, H. B. Murgatroyd, S. J. Sage). Time, 1 min. 59 1-5 sec.
 JAVELIN.—I, P. Ford (Ha) ; 2, A. C. Day (He) ; 3, G. E. Field (He) ; 4, I. L. Scott (Gr). Distance, 119 ft. 6 in.
 DISCUS.—I, P. Ford (Ha) ; 2, F. J. E. Robotham (He) ; 3, W. A. Pidgeon (Mi) ; 4, G. M. Fraser (Gr). Distance, 92 ft. 10 in.

Class II

100 YARDS.—I, D. E. Larter (He) ; 2, F. Allen (Gr) ; 3, P. L. Reynolds (Mi) ; 4, W. H. Smith (Ha). Time, 13 sec.
 220 YARDS.—I, E. J. Packham (Mi) ; 2, D. E. Larter (He) ; 3, H. Golder (Ha) ; 4, F. Allen (Gr). Time, 28 4-5 sec.
 HIGH JUMP.—I, J. H. Armstrong (Ha) ; 2, D. W. Packham (Ha) ; 3, T. J. Weekes (Gr) ; 4, J. N. Harper (Ha). Height, 4 ft. 5 in.
 LONG JUMP.—I, R. F. W. Wenborne (Ha) ; 2, J. H. Armstrong (Ha) ; 3, T. J. Weekes (Gr) ; 4, J. N. Harper (Ha). Distance, 15 ft. 3 in.
 PUTTING THE SHOT.—I, F. J. Hallett (Gr) ; 2, J. N. Harper (Ha) ; 3, J. H. Armstrong (Ha) ; 4, A. R. Bishop (Ha). Distance, 37 ft.
 CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.—I, D. J. Jones (Mi) ; 2, H. Golder (Ha) ; 3, E. A. Lowden (Ha) ; 4, S. L. Reynolds (Mi).
 RELAY RACE.—I, Milton (E. J. Packham, P. L. Reynolds, R. Harman, M. D. Fagg). Time, 1 min. 30 3-5 sec.
 DISCUS.—I, F. J. Hallett (Gr) ; 2, J. H. Armstrong (Ha) ; 3, R. F. W. Wenborne (Ha) ; 4, H. Golder (Ha). Distance, 59 ft. 10 in.

Class III

100 YARDS.—I, P. J. Rolls (He) ; 2, K. Fletcher (Gr) ; 3, R. A. L. Burnand (Mi) ; 4, M. F. H. Knight (Ha). Time, 15 sec.
 220 YARDS.—I, R. A. L. Burnand (Mi) ; 2, R. W. Markham (He) ; 3, E. C. Coe (Ha) ; 4, E. R. Smart (Mi). Time, 34 3-5 sec.
 HIGH JUMP.—I, E. C. Coe (Ha) ; 2, L. Farrant (Ha) ; 3, K. Fletcher (Gr) ; 4, D. T. G. Morgan (Gr). Height, 4 ft.
 LONG JUMP.—I, E. C. Coe (Ha) ; 2, K. Fletcher (Gr) ; 3, M. Crowther (Mi) ; 4, D. T. G. Morgan (Gr). Distance, 13 ft. 7 in.
 PUTTING THE SHOT.—I, T. J. Coomes (Gr) ; 2, K. Fletcher (Gr) ; 3, L. P. Bagge (Ha) ; 4, F. Varney (Ha). Distance, 30 ft. 7 in.
 CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.—I, E. R. Smart (Mi) ; 2, H. L. Fowler (Mi) ; 3, R. E. Hurn (Gr) ; 4, J. Harker (Ha).
 RELAY RACE.—I, Hampden (M. F. H. Knight, D. J. Fricker, E. C. Coe, L. Farrant). Time, 1 min. 11 sec.
 HOP, SKIP AND JUMP.—I, L. Farrant (Ha) ; 2, K. Fletcher (Gr) ; 3, R. Trimby (Mi) ; 4, H. L. Fowler (Mi). Distance, 26 ft. 11 in.

Open

HALF-MILE.—I, J. E. Stock (Gr) ; 2, D. H. Kerridge (Mi) ; 3, A. C. Burney (Gr) ; 4, A. C. Day (He). Time, 2 min. 24 sec.
 ONE MILE.—I, D. H. Kerridge (Mi) ; 2, J. E. Stock (Gr) ; 3, M. D. Fagg (Mi) ; 4, R. D. Hall (He). Time, 5 min. 13 2-5 sec.

CRICKET 1940

OFFICIALS : Captain, J. Anderson ; Vice-Capt., W. H. Dyer ; Committee, R. V. Pardy, E. Farr, D. J. Neale.

COLOURS were awarded to Anderson, Dyer and Pardy.

Neale, Ford, Farr, Goodsall and Parsley were awarded colours for the first time.

Our first and second elevens excelled the high standard which was set up last year, in spite of the sad fact that stalwarts like Crowhurst, Harrison, Hancock, Omer, Jones, Williamson and Weller had all left us. However, we still had Anderson as captain, and Farr, Dyer, Neale and Pardy, a fine nucleus, around which a first eleven was built up which surpassed all our expectations. Not a single match was lost, and some were won very decisively, as may be gathered from the scores below.

There were several fine individual achievements during the season.

Farr was in superb form throughout, and he delighted us with several grand knocks. Exquisite batting produced 50 not out, 41 not out, 24, 23, out of six innings. Mention should also be made of his uncanny wicket-keeping. He would stand right up to the stumps, even for the fast bowling of Dyer and Ford.

Goodsall was also outstanding in the batting performances. In his trial with the second eleven he produced a fine score of 55 not out. On his inclusion in the first eleven he immediately proceeded to make runs, and the season ended with Goodsall at the top of the second eleven averages and second in the first eleven.

Pardy, Dyer, Neale, Ford and Anderson were invaluable run-makers in the first eleven, and they ably backed up our more outstanding batsmen.

Dyer was the spearhead of our attack, and he did most of the work. Immaculate length, and brilliant variation of delivery gave him 21 wickets in six matches. He was supported by steady, reliable, and frequently deadly bowling by Anderson, Neale, and Ford.

For the composition of the second eleven we were obliged to seek out new talent, and the 'talent spotters' may be commended for a fine piece of work. Scott, the captain, managed his team admirably. Of the batsmen, May batted consistently well and very stylishly. We can look to him to replace Farr as our chief 'run-getter.' Scott played several sound innings, and useful scores were made by Hills, Burnand, Moore, and Pidgeon, in spite of the fact that a spirit of "6 or nothing" seemed to

pervade the majority of the second eleven batting. This made the matches very interesting, and many batsmen with low scores consoled themselves by the fact that they were caught out on the boundary.

Egelstaff was outstanding among the bowlers. He bore the brunt of the attack and by mixing fast balls with medium-paced leg breaks he took 29 wickets in six matches. May also bowled very well, and Farmer, Goodsall and Scott, by fine bowling, prevented the possibility of the attacks wearing thin.

Although Farr, Anderson, Dyer, Pardy and Neale will be leaving us, we may look to our future cricket results with confidence, in view of the talent which has been discovered in the middle and lower school.

Thanks are due to Mr. Charman for the time he spent in working to produce and keep in order the first eleven wicket and outfield; a difficult task owing to the shortage of petrol for the mower.

1st Eleven Results.

v. WYCOMBE.	Match cancelled.
H. v. WINDSOR C.	Drawn. School 88 (Pardy 36), Windsor 58 for 7 (Neale 2 for 3).
A. v. EGHAM.	Won. Egham 61 (Dyer 3 for 11, Sage 2 for 3), School 68 for 7 (Farr 41 n.o., Ford 12 n.o.).
A. v. MAIDENHEAD.	Match cancelled.
H. v. MARLOW.	Won. School 93 (Dyer 25, Farr 24, Goodsall 14 n.o.), Marlow 49 (Dyer 4-16, Anderson 3-12).
A. v. ASHFORD.	Won. School 36 (Dyer 12, Neale 8 n.o.), Ashford 35 (Dyer 6-12, Anderson 2-7).
H. v. HENLEY.	Won. Henley 69 (Dyer 5-13, Neale 3-24), School 93-0 (Farr 50 n.o., Goodsall 22 n.o.).
H. v. UXBRIDGE.	Tied. Uxbridge 88 (Parseley 3-9, Anderson 3-10), School 88 (Farr 23, Neale 16, Pardy 16).
H. v. PARENTS.	Match cancelled.

2nd Eleven Results.

v. WYCOMBE.	Match cancelled.
A. v. WINDSOR C.	Won. School 85 (Farmer 27, Scott 15, Hills 10), Windsor 59 (Egelstaff 3-15, Goodsall 3-22).
H. v. EGHAM.	Won. Egham 68 (May 6-14, Hills 2-4), School 94-9 (Goodsall 55 n.o., May 14).
A. v. MAIDENHEAD.	Match cancelled.
H. v. TOWER HOUSE.	Lost. School 27, Tower House 35 (Farmer 7-15, May 3-18).
A. v. L.V.S.	Won. L.V.S. 28 (Egelstaff 5-8, Goodsall 4-12) and 55 (Egelstaff 8-27), School 45 (Hills 14 n.o.) and 46-5 (Scott 19 n.o., Burnand 11).
A. v. MARLOW.	Lost. Marlow 39 (May 3-5, Scott 3-6, Egelstaff 3-16), School 36 (Hills 9).
H. v. ASHFORD.	Won. School 68 (Moore 16, May 10, Hills 9), Ashford 33 (Egelstaff 6-16, Scott 4-12).
A. v. UXBRIDGE.	Won. Uxbridge 57 (May 3-6, Egelstaff 4-25), School 62-9 (May 18, Stock 12).
H. v. PARENTS.	Match cancelled.

H. J. GROVES.



Spring

E. J. Denham

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

Alas for the village church! How it has altered since our grandfathers used to file reluctantly through its old stone arch on a sunny Sunday morning. . . . This is no satire on the dignity of age: it is a true description of the rural church as it stands amid the turmoil of this day. At one time it used to blink its sleepy eyes at the leaf-shaded lane in its own corner of the village. Tucked away in a cradle of trees, with the broad hillside as a pillow, it slept peacefully and contentedly. As it was then, it was the presiding guardian of the proverbial British yeomen.

Now the shady, winding lane is no more. It is a dirt-track along which motor-cyclists tear, shattering the reposeful dignity of the old building. The view of the hillside is now blocked by a petrol station. The four pumps stand out like the banners of evil. An odious road-house replaces the farm buildings. During the evening services the noise of liquid merry-making drowns the ancient organ. A housing estate, together with piles of bricks and concrete, cuts off the church

from its last friend, the river. And, to crown it all, a huge factory overshadows the whole landscape with its black chimneys.

To gather all these horrors together, modern civilisation gashes with its great scars the once smiling hillside. The church now stands, like an old man amid the smoke and flames of battle, the last martyr of real Christianity. He will fight, in his own way, to the end. He travels a dark, gloomy path: and the ancient parson, with the warm comradeship of a few stalwarts, pushes back from his brow the wisps of grey hair and steps forward with a steady tread.

P. BRITTAİN.

FOOTBALL 1940

OFFICIALS : Captain, E. Farr ; Vice-Captain, P. Ford ; Committee, E. J. Parsley, F. Robotham, J. E. Stock.

COLOURS :

Colours were awarded to nine players, a number which reflects the high standard prevailing throughout the team. These players were : Robotham (goal), Parsley, Ford (backs), Day, Pidgeon, Bryant (half-backs), Canon, Hamblett. Stock (forwards).

The season was a favourable one for the 1st XI, and our net results make very encouraging reading, in view of the fact that a large majority of our players will be here for next winter's football. All the games were very interesting, and after a few matches in which our shooting was rather poor, our team became welded into one unit. Combined play was extremely good, especially on the right wing where Stock and Hamblett consistently managed to confuse the opposing defenders, thus providing openings for many goals. Having once settled down, the forward line wasted few chances of scoring, and Hussey and Canon in particular piled up large individual totals. Robotham's goal-keeping was outstanding, and it was his skill coupled with the aggressive and accurate clearing of the backs, Parsley and Ford, which rendered our defence perfectly adequate for dealing with most of our opposing forward lines. The half-backs carried out their jobs very effectively, and contact between the defence and attack was always well maintained. Bryant at right-half showed remarkable skill.

Although the season was a great success on the whole, there were one or two regrettable incidents, and we lost Farr, our captain, at a late date in the season. Ford took over the captaincy for the last match against Egham, which we won, by a margin of 10 goals.

One of our best matches of the season was that against the Old Pals, which we won by two goals. The performance put up by our team in this match encouraged the Old Pals to field some of our boys in matches against very strong local teams.

The 2nd XI was not quite so successful as the first, but, nevertheless, they had an enjoyable season, winning 3 matches out of 8. The defence was the stronger part of the team, the half-back line in particular forming the mainstay of the eleven. The constructive play of the forwards was very good but until the end of the season approached, they seemed to be incapable of hard and accurate shooting. This failing was possibly the cause of many of our bad results ; the trouble was finally remedied, although this happened too late in the season to be of much effect. Williams was our most successful forward, and he owed his success to the fact that he

shot hard at goal immediately the opportunity presented itself ; he did not waste time in trying to improve his position. Field and Vinall carried out this policy to a lesser degree and 75 per cent. of our goals were scored by these three players.

Results

	1st XI	2nd XI
v. WYCOMBE.	H. Won 5—4	H. Drew 1—1
v. MAIDENHEAD.	A. Lost 1—2	A. Lost 2—4
v. OLD PALS.	H. Lost 0—3	
v. WYCOMBE.	A. Drew 2—2	A. Lost 1—5
v. MAIDENHEAD.	H. Won 5—3	H. Lost 1—3
v. OLD PALS.	H. Won 2—0	
v. L.V.S.		H. Lost 0—9
v. EGHAM.	H. Won 6—4	H. Won 6—3
v. EGHAM.	A. Won 11—1	A. Won 4—0
v. L.V.S.		A. Won 4—2
		H. J. GROVES.

HOCKEY 1941

OFFICIALS : Captain, P. Ford ; Vice-Captain, I. Scott ; Committee, J. E. Stock, J. Bew, E. Parsley.

COLOURS.

Colours were awarded to four players : P. Ford (c. half), F. Robotham (goal), I. Scott (c.fwd.), J. Stock (inside rt.).

Although the 1st XI won only one match, all the games were very keenly contested, and their only defeat was by a margin of two goals. The other two games were drawn.

The whole of the forward line played consistently well, although there was not much combined play and passing, except occasionally by the inside forwards. Usually the attack consisted of individual runs concluded by hard shots at the goal. We were unfortunate in losing Mabbott, our left-winger, after the first match, but apart from this there were few alterations in the team. By a stroke of bad luck Parsley was unable to play throughout the season in spite of his election to the committee.

The defence was fairly reliable, especially towards the end of the season, and Robotham as usual excelled himself in goal.

The team was : Robotham ; Bew, Bryant ; Boshier, Ford, Day ; Murgatroyd, Stock, Scott, Biggs, Canon.

The 2nd XI was very successful, winning every match, two of them by very large margins. May was outstanding among the forwards, scoring 21 goals in four matches. All of our forwards were in the habit of taking "first-timers" at the goal, and the opposing goal-keeper often had no idea that a shot was coming. Green did very well at right half, ably backing up the forwards with quick runs up the tramlines. The defence was generally sound, although on a few occasions Griffith at centre half had to drop back to close a gap between the backs.

The team was : Smart ; Cullimore, Pallett ; Green, Griffith, Groves (Captain) ; Williams, R. Ford, May, Michie, Lines.

Results

	1st XI	2nd XI
v. MAIDENHEAD.	H. Won 2—1	H. Won 14—0
v. ASHFORD.	H. Drew 2—2	H. Won 4—2
v. MAIDENHEAD.	A. Lost 1—3	A. Won 11—1
v. ASHFORD.	A. Drew 4—4	A. Won 1—0
Summary :—	P. W. D. L. Gls. F. Gls. A.	
1st XI	4 1 2 1 9 10	
2nd XI	4 4 0 0 30 3	H.J.G.



The Cove

R. A. Parrett

TOYS

Toys, toys ! are all boys' joys,
 And with their drums they make a noise,
 Bugles, trumpets blow like thunder :
 Round the room they trip and blunder.
 But girls are different—they like dolls ;
 Girls are good and have good souls.

E. A. LOWDEN.

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY

Summer Term, 1940

CRICKET.

	Seniors.
v. HAMPDEN	Won 84 for 4—39
v. HERSCHEL.	Won 20 for 4—12
v. MILTON.	Won 38—35

At the end of term, the House bade farewell to R. V. Pardy, who has served the house well as Captain for three years. He was successful in obtaining a Higher School Certificate in his last term at school.

Autumn Term 1940

At the beginning of this term, J. Mabbot was elected Captain, I. L. Scott Vice-captain and E. H. Batten Secretary. The Committee consisted of E. Parsley, W. J. Omer and J. Stock.

Owing to war-time conditions, we were prevented from holding our annual House-Supper.

FOOTBALL.

Football this season did not reach the high standard attained last year. The intermediates were highly successful—they won all their matches—but the results of Seniors and Juniors were disappointing.

Results.	Seniors	Inter.	Juniors
v. Hampden	L. 3—2	W. 4—1	W. 4—1
v. Milton	W. 4—0	W. 6—1	L. 8—1
v. Herschel	L. 2—1	W. 2—0	L. 5—1

Among the leavers at Christmas were Mabbot, our Captain, Munday and Bowen.

Spring Term, 1941.

Following the departure of Mabbot, I. L. Scott was elected Captain, J. E. Stock Vice-Captain and Pallett was placed on the Committee. Other house officials were as last term.

HOCKEY, 1941.

Results.	Seniors	Inter.	Juniors
v. Hampden	W. 2—1	W. 5—0	L. 3—2
v. Milton	W. 6—1	W. 5—1	L. 7—0
v. Herschel	L. 1—0	W. 4—1	L. 6—0

This term the Juniors' results were again disappointing : this was, however, compensated for by the better results of Seniors and Intermediates. The Seniors tied for first place with Herschel with four points, while the Intermediates were placed first with six points.

Towards the end of the term the annual cross-country races were run. In the Senior event Gray came first with 38 points, while the Juniors held a similar place with 21 points. The Intermediates secured fourth place. Our Vice-Captain, Stock, distinguished himself by winning the Senior race.

Jenner and Oliver left us at the end of term.

At the close of the Christmas term, we lost Mr. Wilson, who was called to the Colours after being only a year with us. At the beginning of the Easter term we welcomed Mr. Leftwich in his place. We will be extremely sorry to bid farewell to a very keen housemaster, who has been with us for a long time—Mr. Barnes, who is leaving us to take up an appointment as Headmaster of another school. Everyone is grateful to him for the unceasing and sterling work which he has done in connection with both School and House sports, as well as with numerous other activities. May we congratulate him upon his appointment and wish him all success and happiness.

E.H.B.

HAMPDEN

This year was a successful one in the main. The highlight was Hampden's outstanding success in the Sports, for which P. Ford and J. Bew deserve much credit. The games were not of the same standard, the general positions being third.

At the end of the Summer Term J. Anderson, our captain, left. Anderson who passed the H.S.C. had a record of long and able service with the House which he had led so well. The captaincy passed to P. Ford, and H. Murgatroyd was Vice-Captain. In addition, Mr. Legrand left in October and the vacancy was filled by the return of Mr. Luck.

The House Officials are : Captain, P. Ford ; Vice-Captain, H. Murgatroyd ; Secretary, J. Hughes ; Committee, J. Bew, C. Furnivall.

Games Results.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors.	Intermediates.	Juniors.
v. Herschel	Lost	Lost	Lost
v. Gray	Won	Lost	Lost
v. Milton	Won	Won	Lost

HOCKEY.	Seniors.	Intermediates.	Juniors.
v. Gray	Lost	Lost	Won
v. Milton	Drew	Lost	Lost
v. Herschel	Won	Lost	Lost
The leavers included J. Bew, P. Gardner and E. Cox.			
			I.H.

HERSCHEL

Summer Term, 1940.

OFFICIALS : Captain, Rookes ; Vice-Captain, Cooper ; Secretary, Marshall ; Committee, Brant and Griffin.

CRICKET.	Senior XI	Intermediate XI	Junior XI
v. Gray	Lost	Won	?
v. Milton	Lost	Won	Won
v. Hampden	Won	?	?

Unfortunately the results of the Intermediate and Junior matches were "lost." However, it is recorded that both teams did well enough to make Herschel top of cricket in the whole school.

This term we lost Rookes and Marshall.

Autumn Term.

OFFICIALS : Captain, Cooper ; Vice-Captain, Brant ; Secretary, Jones ; Committee, Groves and Robotham.

FOOTBALL.	Seniors.	Intermediates.	Juniors.
v. Gray	W. 2-1	L 2-0	W 5-1
v. Milton	D 2-2	L 3-1	L 4-0
v. Hampden	W 4-0	W 1-0	W 8-1

A very successful season, in which both Seniors and Illrd Forms came top. This term the school games were played off in forms, but the Illrd Forms did not play enough to have house matches.

This term we lost Cooper, Knibbs and Simpson.

Easter Term, 1941.

OFFICIALS : Captain, Brant ; Vice-Captain, Robotham ; Secretary, Jones ; Committee, Groves and Bryant.

HOCKEY.	Seniors XI.	Intermediates	Juniors.
v. Gray	W 1-0	L 4-1	W 6-0
v. Milton	W 3-1	W 5-1	W 1-0
v. Hampden	L 2-0	W 4-0	W 6-0

Again we had a successful season, the Seniors and Illrd Forms' XI.s coming top.

The 2nd Forms played football and their games were not counted towards House points.

In the Sports and Cross-country runs we were placed 4th, and the less said about this the better.

Jones, Bezer and Trimming left this term.

G.E.F.

MILTON

Summer Term, 1940.

OFFICIALS : Captain, W. H. Dyer ; Secretary, D. J. Neale.

CRICKET. Results :	Seniors.	Intermediates.	Juniors.
v. Herschel		Lost	Lost
v. Hampden	Won	Lost	Won
v. Gray	Lost	Lost	

The House provided three members for the School first XI : Dyer, Neale, Farr.

Among the many members who left us at the end of the term were Neale, Dyer and Piercey.

Ten members of the House passed the Oxford this year.

Autumn Term, 1941.

OFFICIALS : Captain, E. R. R. Farr ; Vice-Captain, J. Nelson ; Secretary, L. A. Watson ; Committee, D. O. Parry-Davies and R. J. Hussey.

FOOTBALL.

The lower Intermediates had a good season, but the Seniors were not so successful. Results :—

	Seniors.	Upper Intermediates.	Lower Intermediates.
v. Herschel	D 2-2	W 3-1	W 4-0
v. Hampden	L 2-4	L 1-2	W 3-0
v. Gray	L 0-4	L 1-6	W 8-1
	Pts. 1 ; Pos. 4th	Pts. 2 ; Pos. 2nd (tied)	Pts. 6 ; Pos. 1st

Nelson and Farr left during the term.

Spring Term, 1941.

OFFICIALS : Captain, W. Pidgeon ; Vice-Captain, B. H. Wickham ; Secretary, L. A. Watson ; Committee, D. O. Parry-Davies and R. C. Boshier.

HOCKEY. Results :—	Seniors.	Intermediates	Juniors
v. Hampden	D 3-3	W 4-2	W 5-2
v. Herschel	L 2-4	L 1-5	L 0-1
v. Gray	L 1-6	L 1-7	W 7-4
			L.A.W.

OLD BOYS IN THE SERVICES

The following additional names have been received since the last list was published. It has not been possible to make the list complete ; we apologise for omissions and will be grateful to anyone who can help us to remedy them.

K. Batty	R.A.M.C.
Gerald Brooks	R.A.
H. N. Chant	R.A.F.
R. A. Chattaway	R.N.
G. Dyer	R.A.M.C.
A. Y. Elphick	R.A.
W. Gabriel	R.A.F.
W. G. Good	R.A.
W. T. Goodall	R.A.
E. P. Gower	L.N. Lancs.
W. S. Isherwood	R.N.
J. Lees	R.A.
R. Lees	R.N.
J. May	R.A.F.
K. W. McDowall	R.N.V.R.
W. W. McGillivray	R.N.V.R.
J. P. Murphy	R.A.F.
R. V. Parry	R.A.F.
A. Read	
D. Walter	R.A.S.C.
Robt. Warren	R.A.F.

ROLL OF HONOUR

We have to record with deep regret the following ;

Williams, Bertram C. (28—32), R.A.S.C. Died during training.

Blake, Arthur G. (30—34), Sub-Lieut. Fleet Air Arm. Killed in action Nov. 1940.

Hammerton, Jack H. (26—31), Sergt.-Pilot R.A.F. Killed in action Nov. 1940.

Griffith, A. Stephen (31—37), Sub-Lieut. Fleet Air Arm. Killed in action Jan. 1941.

Puzey, Arthur B. (31—33), Sergt. R.A.F.V.R. Killed in action.

Matthews, Douglas A. G. (26—32), Sergt.-Pilot R.A.F. Killed in action Dec. 1940.

Blake, Gordon E. (31—37), Sergt. Gunner R.A.F. Killed in action June 1941.

Holbrow, William (33—34) is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Sub-Lieut. Richard J. Cork (28—32) Fleet Air Arm, has been awarded both the D.S.C. and the D.F.C.

Flying Officer Digby V. C. Cotes-Preedy (33—34), R.A.F., has been awarded the George Medal.

Both these officers received their awards for exceptional gallantry.